

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ward's Grocery

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Southern Maryland Boulevard
(MD Route 4) and Ferry Landing Road (MD 525)

Third

CITY, TOWN

Dunkirk

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. Herbert Marselas

Telephone #: 327-1111

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 20678

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Calvert County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: JLB 27 JLB 51
Folio #: 349 193

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CT-83

CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Ward's Grocery faces east occupying a site on the northwest corner of the intersection of Route 4 and Ferry Landing Road. People who have patronized this store since it was built say that the interior has never been changed and that even the paint is original. The exterior is much in its original state also. It is being repainted at the time of this writing.

Ward's Grocery is in a one-and-one-half-story building 32 feet 2 inches long and 23 feet 10 inches wide. It is three bays in width and two bays deep with the front door in the middle of the facade. There is a side door on the northwest corner of the south side. The windows are 2/2 sash with 13-inch-by-26-inch panes.

The building has an A-frame, shingled roof, and the exterior covering is 8 inches overlapping horizontal clapboard.

Perhaps the most distinguishing feature of the exterior is the A-frame portico which extends at a right angle to the front of the building to a length of approximately 11 feet. It is 20 feet wide and covers approximately 210 square feet of the service area which has contained both gas and kerosene pumps. It is supported on its east end by two 4-by-4-inch posts mounted on formstone bases. One base was destroyed and replaced with different blocks, but the north base is original and still possesses its capital. The base is 40 inches high and 18 inches square; the total height of the porch supports is 9 feet.

The interior displays a certain richness in material and craftsmanship with one-and-three-fourth-inch tongue-and-groove panelling on the walls and ceiling. The original floor and shelving remain as do some early electrical fixtures.

Behind the store located off of its southwest corner is a grain and feed warehouse. It is a one-story structure 24 feet long and 16 feet 3 inches wide. There is a 2/2 window at each end, but there are no windows in either the west or east sides. There are two doors on the east side, a standard 6-foot door on the north end, and a loading door which measures 64 inches by 72 inches. These doors are constructed of tongue-and-groove boards which are beaded yielding an attractive V-shape design.

The frame of this building contains -by--inch studs which are at 14-inch intervals. The floor boards measure 5 1/2 inches in width. The siding is the same as on the store.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dunkirk (Smithville) is in that portion of District Three which is seeing much subdivision and development. The pressures of modern development will bring certain changes which make the existence of the "country store" tenuous, and Ward's Grocery in its present state must change. It documents a life style already extinct in many areas.

With the closest shopping centers and supermarkets being in Prince Frederick and Upper Marlboro, stores like Ward's Grocery have always played an important role in the daily lives of those people living and working in those areas in between. Food, clothing, fuel, and animal feed are among the important items that this store has always kept in stock. Additionally, being located at the intersection of two main roads, it has provided a place where neighbors have and still do meet and discuss news and business. The main clientele have been local farm families in need of the necessities peculiar to their existence.

The recent decline in farming in that neighborhood, however, and the influx of nonagriculturally oriented residents as well as the economic pressures brought on by competition with fast-food and self-service chain stores make such a store antiquated and unprofitable.

The cultural and economic value of Ward's Grocery is enhanced by its architectural value. The materials and craftsmanship displayed in this little building are of a quality that is rare in modern structures of comparable function. The heavy use of wood on both the exterior and interior for both structural and decorative purposes is an architectural attitude which is no longer common.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.94 acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Wayne L. Nield II, Historic Sites Surveyor

May 1976

ORGANIZATION

c/o Calvert County Historic District Commission

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Prince Frederick

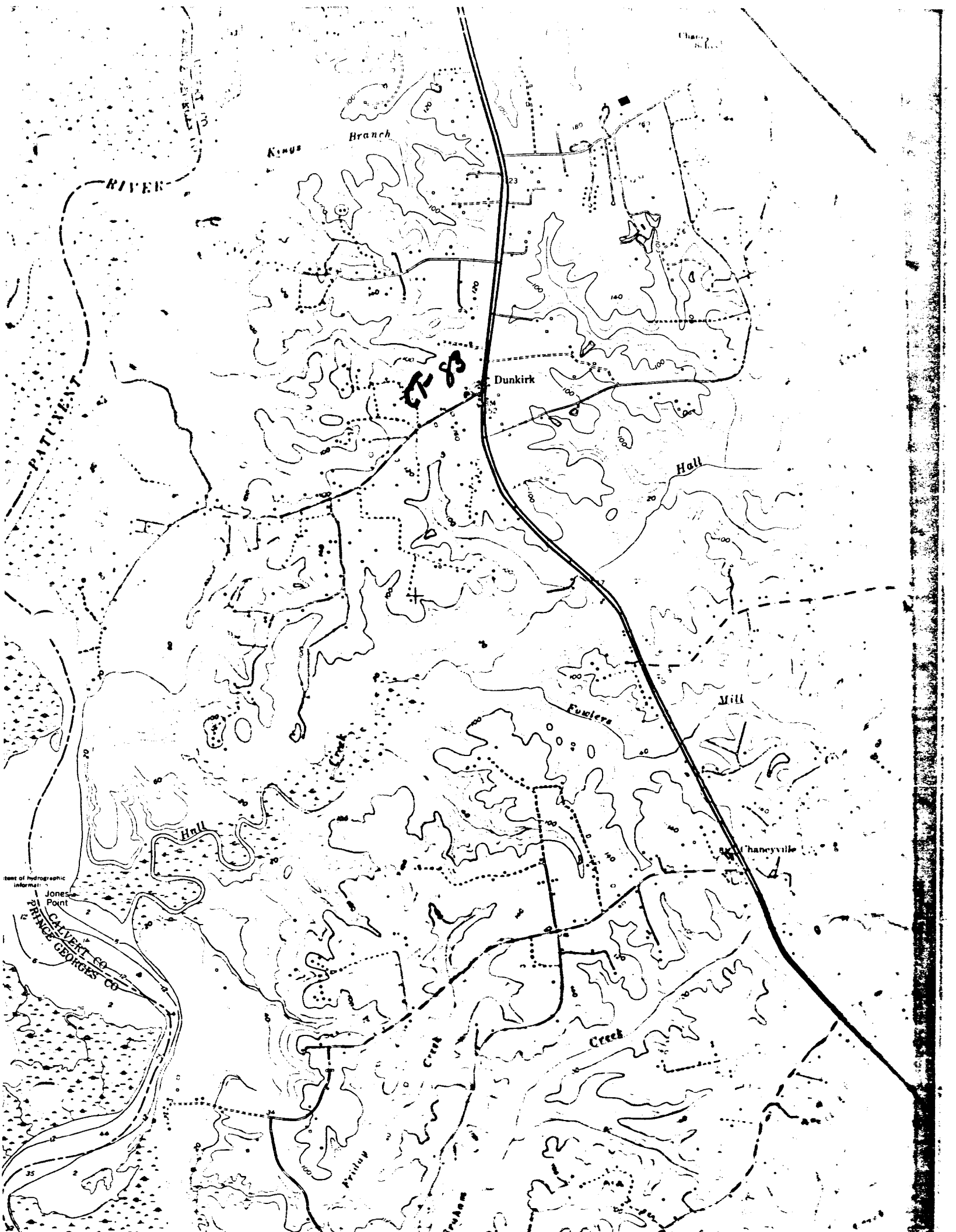
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Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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